

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 27, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to proper
registration of abandoned vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 1224 of the vehi-
2 cle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 726 of the laws of 1983, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) Such local authority shall notify the last owner, if known, that
5 the vehicle in question has been recovered as an abandoned vehicle and
6 that, if unclaimed, it will be sold at public auction or by bid after
7 ten days from the date such notice was given. If the agency described in
8 paragraph (a) of this subdivision also notifies such local authority
9 that a lien or mortgage exists such notice shall also be sent to the
10 lienholder or mortgagee. The commissioner shall prescribe the methods
11 of giving notice. Any person claiming such vehicle shall be required to
12 pay the costs of removal and storage of such vehicle. In a city having a
13 population of one million or more, if an abandoned vehicle is found to
14 have a false or fraudulent certificate of registration or number plate,
15 any person claiming such vehicle shall, in order to claim such vehicle,
16 provide proof to such local authority that such vehicle is now lawfully
17 registered pursuant to section four hundred one of this chapter.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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